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TOPIC Airfield and Panzer Kaserne at Kamenz

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1. On 8 September 1952, construction work on the semi-permanent buildings in the southern portion of Kamenz airfield was completed. The buildings quartered construction workers. Two blocks of multi-story dwelling houses were under construction about 100 meters north of the spur track along the Kamenz-Lachmann road. The houses were built by the Bau Union from Bautzen and construction enterprises from Heidersdorf and Kamenz. According to construction workers employed at the field, no wall but a fence was to be erected on the eastern boundary of the installation. (1) No construction work has been observed on the landing field. All the construction materials needed at the field arrived by rail and were unloaded at the end of the spur track.
  2. Construction work on the buildings in the western section of the Panzer Kaserne, which was previously occupied by the Soviet Army, was accelerated. No new construction work has been observed so far. The barracks installation quartered an estimated 1,500 VP personnel including an unusually large number of officers. About 30 Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were observed in the former dispensary. (2)
  3. On 8 September, source observed three Soviet soldiers, who wore blue epaulets, constructing a telephone line in the northern portion of the barracks installation. Gates II and III on Lacher Strasse and Gate IV on Dietrich Eckardt Strasse were guarded by VP personnel, while Gate I on Lacher Strasse was guarded by a Soviet soldier, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and was armed with a submachine gun. The observation towers were occupied by VP personnel armed with pistols. (3) No training activities were observed at the installation.  
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  4. The mechanic school of the Air Volkspolizei, which was erroneously reported as being located in Dessau, is actually in Kamenz. The address of a student at this school was Kamenz/Saxony, Post office Box 417. (2)

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5. On 5 September, [ ] an airfield under construction at Kamenz. According to railroad station personnel, numerous shipments of workers arrived there.

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6. In early September, [ ] VP Unterkommissar Fritz Stephan, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War, who had carried on a recruiting campaign for the activation of parachute units in the Soviet zone of Germany. [ ] he had been in Leipzig to have his fitness for flying and parachuting checked. Stephan furthermore stated that he was employed as an instructor for Soviet aircraft weapons and machine guns and that he trained personnel of the 21 through 23 age classes. Older classes were not admitted to the school. The instructors employed there would later be assigned to armament factories. [ ] the school was headed by VP Oberst Finsterbusch. Applications for admission to the school had to be sent to Barthel (fnu) on Berliner Damm, Berlin-Johannisthal. Kommissar Demann, allegedly, was in charge of the training of ground personnel at the barracks installation in Kamenz. He lived at 49 Wallweg, Dessau, and was, allegedly, frequently seen at his old firm in Dessau. (4)

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7. On 17 September, [ ] the Kamenz airfield was systematically being reconstructed. Many VP officers were seen there.

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#### Comments.

- (1) The improvement of Kamenz airfield was reported previously. [ ] It is believed that the originally scheduled wall will not be built along the eastern boundary of the field, because there is no road there and the area offers good observation possibilities for their guards.
- (2) The Panzer Kaserne at Kamenz quarters the headquarters of the first VP division (Air) No 600 and the 2d regiment of this division, which has the numerical designation 600/2. A technical school, which was previously believed to be stationed in Dessau, is probably also located there. [ ]
- (3) A sketch of the Panzer Kaserne was transmitted previously. [ ]
- (4) VP Unterkommissar Stephan, VP Kommissar Demann, and VP Oberst Finsterbusch are reported for the first time. VP Inspkteur Leopold was previously reported as being the commanding officer of the VP regiment stationed at Kamenz. Finsterbusch may be the commandant of the mechanic school. Barthel is chief of the personnel department of the Main Administration, Air, of the Volkspolizei in Berlin-Johannisthal. Demann was previously employed at a machine factory in Dessau, which has nothing to do with the manufacture of aircraft equipment.

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